

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:	)	Before the Examiner
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Application Serial No. 10/695,067	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: October 28, 2003	)	Ref. No. MSDI-1002/PC767.00
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MULTI-AXIAL CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR	)	
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS	)	

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 14, 2011, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No extensions of time or additional fees are believed to be due with regard to the filing of this response. However, please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue/publication fees.

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-31, 34-46, 49, 51-55 and 57-65 were pending in the current application for the final Office Action dated March 14, 2011. Independent claim 62 has been allowed. Each of the remaining claims has been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the current application are hereby requested.